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Applicant: Nobutaka IDA et al. Conf.: 7804

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For: DRUG FOR TREATING BONE DISORDERS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 7, 2001

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 7, 2000, the period for response having been extended three months to June 7, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 13. (Twice Amended)

A method for treating a patient having an osteoclast related bone disorder comprising administering an effective amount of interferon β or an interferon β inducer to reinstate bone volume of the patient; wherein the bone disorder results from a